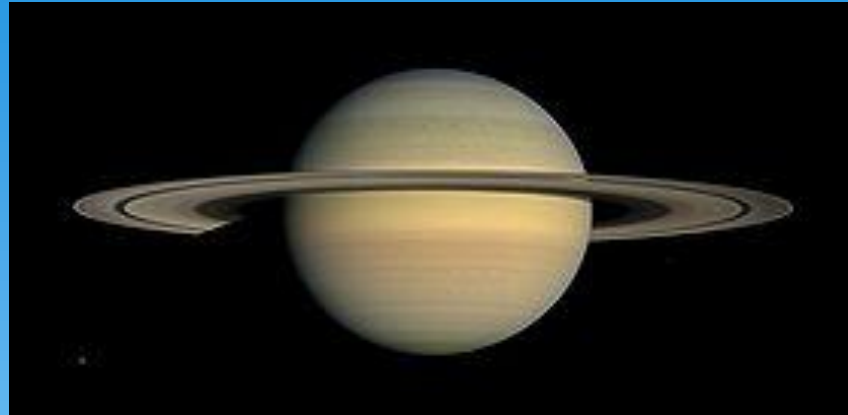
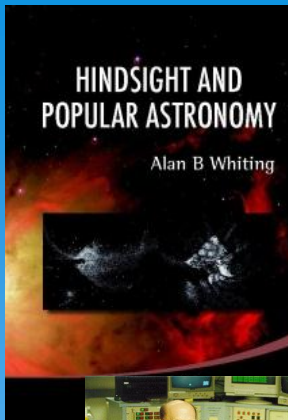


# Boeing Employees' Astronomical Society January Membership Meeting



From chapter 3 of his book, Hindsight and Popular Astronomy, Dr. Whiting will present a summation of his critical review entitled,

## “Sir John Herschel and the Stability of the Rings of Saturn”

**Abstract:** As one of the leading “authorities” of his time, Sir Herschel wrote extensively about astronomy for the public as well as for his peers in the scientific community. In 1833 in a pioneering exposition of mathematical astronomy for the public, Sir Herschel attributed the stability of the rings of Saturn to the rings being off-center and lopsided by a minute amount. In his presentation, Dr. Whiting will provide the historical background of the day, he will then trace Sir Herschel’s sources and the effects of his conclusion to reveal several lessons applicable to the practice of science and astronomy today.

**Thursday, January 12, 2012**

**Social time @ 6:30 PM Evening presentation @ 7 PM**

**Boeing “Oxbow” Athletic Center Building 9-150, Room 201**

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